



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 pm Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am

JOHN TERRY CHAPEL (DAY CHAPEL)

Monday 8.30am Mass
Tuesday 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday 6.00pm Mass
Thursday 8.30am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass
Saturday 9.00am Mass

MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
Cnr Pelsart & Carteret Ave Willmot

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.00 am



6.00am—Mass For You At Home
Channel 10 Network

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



11.00am—Diocese of Parramatta
www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese/

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



*Register your details upon entering the church
*Masks are mandatory.

*Sanitise hands
*Maintain safe distancing
*Wipe down your chairs before you leave.

*Please do not enter the church if you are unwell and/or experiencing flu-like symptoms.

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The schooling of the disciple – of us! – continues. Here the schooling is intent on changing the way we think as well as the way we act. Perhaps one of the most difficult aspects of this schooling is in the area of forgiveness of those we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this might be, the gospel calls us to an even higher standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves but through the power of the risen Lord, whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well-being. (None of these are bad things in themselves!) Now we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ, the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on all our action can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness. When we are transformed, God (and no longer Adam) becomes the source of our spiritual power, the model after whom we pattern our lives, the incentive that spurs us on, and the ultimate goal of all our works. The works themselves are not mere external performances done out of obligation. They are visible manifestations of a deep inner reality, of the transformation that has taken place in our lives.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love your enemies...



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul rose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, with three thousand chosen men of Israel, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went into Saul's army by night; there Saul lay sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the army lay around him. Abishai said to David, "God has given your enemy into your hand today; now therefore let me pin him to the ground with one stroke of the spear; I will not strike him twice." But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can raise his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?"

So David took the spear that was at Saul's head and the water jar, and they went away. No one saw it, or knew it, nor did anyone awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side, and stood on top of a hill far away, with a great distance between them. David called aloud to Saul, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and get it. The Lord rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord gave you into my hand today, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed. As your life was precious today in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord, and may he rescue me from all tribulation."

Then Saul said to David, "Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13.**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. R.

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. R.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities. R.

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our
transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Brothers and sisters. "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the one of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL:** Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "I say to you that listen: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022 —
8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

**1st Reading:** Sirach 27: 4-7**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58**Gospel:** Luke 6: 39-45**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Jeremy Alagbate Oleriana who was baptised last Saturday 12th February 2022, and Rome Suluape who was baptised last Sunday 13th February 2022.

LIST OF THE SICK: Martin Falk, Kevin Smith, Carmen Carlon, Danielle Heatly, Janice Quinn, Rose Wilson, Sylvia Greene, Lopisoni Makario, George Mallouk, Zarouf Mallouk, Ave Sio, Cristina Frugone, Tracey Tosatto, Sandra Roseworn, Kenny McConnell, Jean Toovey, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas, Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, Paul Cusack, Ian Watts, Corina Valentine, Jeffrey Bonnici, Jose Lay, Fay Iffland, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Ray Fenech, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Fara Vargas, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Keith Londregan, Stanley Hufanga, Sisino Montenegro, Siaso Palu, Irene Harris, Joseph Farrugia, Maria van der Duim, Fr Tim Crowley, Tony Vinson, Jim Johnson, Hilda Bruton, Logo Pio Mealamu, Rodney Iffland, Tu'ineau Hufanga, Des Cutcliffe, Bill Corcoran, Santos de Leon, James Mangan, Terry Grayson, Grace Teuma, Henriette Credi, Jack Kelly, Moira O'Hehir, Shirley Veyret, Tony Ring, Avril Flood, Moira Pike, Gary Nye, Miller Family, Jean-Philippe Hennequin, Phillip Perech, Maposua Makalita Maposua, John Thoroughgood, Betty Appleby, Baby Gary Tyrone Doolan, Maureen Carter, Peter Gilchrist, Baby Wyndurra Dixon Murray, Kerrie Marie Hoffman, Agatha Benson, Anne Prentice, Peter Edward Collin, Mary Stewart, Blanche Muriel De Alwif, Felicia Lette, Ernest Holmes, Elaine Charfield, Una Fuller.

PLEASE NOTE: The list of the sick will be refreshed at the beginning of Lent (6th March).

Please notify the parish office by Wednesday 2nd March 2022, if you would like to keep or add a name(s) to the list. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 9.00am–4.30pm
Friday: 9.00am–3.30pm

CLOSED ON WEEKENDS

Note: Staff meetings held on Tuesdays 9.15am–10.00am

SUPPORT US ONLINE

For contributions towards the 1st Collection, for the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta, please use the following details:

Acc Name: Diocesan Clergy
BSB: 067 950
Acc No: 0000 4265
Reference: 6024 (followed by your name).

For contributions towards the 2nd Collection, for our parish expenses, please use the following details:

Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950
Acc No: 0000 0446
Reference: Envelope No OR Your full name).



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

for the weekend of the 12th/13th February 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 705.00
2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,771.30

LIST OF THE SICK

- Every so often we need to revise the listing of the names in our weekly parish bulletin. Thus, **from the first weekend** in March, 2022, we will have a fresh, new list.
- To compile this new list, we need express permission for the publication of your own name, or the name of your sick relative or friend.
- Please contact Holy Family Parish Office (Ph: 9628 7272), or see one of the Priests, or Sr Carlene, after Mass.

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Come and talk to Principal John Spradbrow about how we can help you join this safe and caring community! We love to welcome families to our school, including those who can't afford to pay school fees.

- A special orientation program to prepare preschool aged children for kindergarten
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For more information, please call 02 8869 7200

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Holy Family

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CLEMENTE AUSTRALIA

// **EMPOWERMENT & LEARNING**

UNIT: SOCIOLOGY

CLASSES START

Monday 28th February // 10.00am

**Holy Family Parish Centre: Schoenstatt Sisters Room
11 Emert Pde, Emerton**

***** FREE UNIVERSITY COURSE *****

A supportive, caring, and learning environment

To confirm attendance at the information session, or for further enquiries, contact Colleen on 0418 671 826.

A GENTLE PRESENCE

For the church to call itself to work as Jesus did, in poverty and under oppression, is to seek an unaccustomed stance.

It is to be, stand, and operate from the point of view of the world's victims and losers.
It is to live and preach the gospel from the bottom up. It is a falling down, a downward mobility, if you will, into the commonality of human existence.

It is neither nice nor comfortable. In addition, it is confrontational and conflictual.

Because of such a stance, the church, while it is committed to and in the world, will also be at odds with the world 'as it is'.

Such obedience to God will necessarily mean it will be a minority phenomenon, a threat to any political or cultural status quo.

The ramifications are many, the cost is high.

A poem by CHUCK LATHROP (in More Than Words pp 142-143)



THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

22nd February, 2022

The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.



Synod 2023: Learning to Journey Together

We all need to be open to change and ongoing learning. How open are we to change and ongoing learning and how are we formed? Are our leaders open to change & ongoing learning? How can we do better?

Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find!

Online submissions close 26 February. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023 Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH VISION



Holy Family Mt Druitt is a welcoming community:
 † on a journey towards a personal encounter with Jesus;
 † called to unity and celebrating our diversity;
 † living and sharing the joy of the Gospel.



Ash Wednesday

2ND MARCH

Mass times:
 8.30am & 6.30pm



JOIN A LENTEN SMALL GROUP!

Grow deeper into your relationship with God and other parishioners this Lent.

TUESDAYS (night), and SATURDAYS (morning):
- with Fr Greg at Holy Family.

FRIDAYS (morning):
- with Sr Carlene at parishioner's residence.

Resources are available if you would like to journey individually, as a family, or your own small group this Lent. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Caritas Project Compassion 2022 starts next Sunday

Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter.

This year's theme *For All Future Generations* comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.



PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas: Sebastian.Salaska-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

COVID UPDATE

The NSW Government has announced the following changes with regards to restrictions.

From Friday 18th February 2022, the following will apply:

1. **COVID-19 Safe Check-In and Record Keeping**
Check-in using the NSW QR code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required for places of worship.

2. **Singing**
Both the choir and congregation are able to sing at religious services at our churches.

From Friday 25 February 2022:
Masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

NAIDOC Day celebration // Thursday 21st April 2022

More details to come!



Lifted LIVE meets THE FAITH FEED
Thursday 24 February // 7.30-9.00pm // WEST HQ Rooty Hill

☀️ THE EVENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IS HERE ☀️

Here's 5 reasons to come to LIFTED Live meets The FaithFeed
THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 7:30PM TO 9:30PM
WEST HQ ROOTY HILL

#1 DIOCESAN FIRST: This collaboration between CYP and Pastoral Formation offers a re-imagined opportunity for youth and young adults to experience witness, storytelling, live music and community.

#2 MEET NEW PEOPLE: LIFTED and The FaithFeed brings together many from across our Diocese. You'll get to encounter others just like you, moved by faith and hope. A reminder that you are not alone!

#3 LOCAL CHURCH: One of the beauties of our Universal Church is the emphasis on the local! Here in our Diocese, we are gifted with a diverse community, incredible talent and authentic witnesses. We encourage each other with the reminder that we belong.

#4 HOPE: We're moving forward looking to what's ahead with trust that God has plans for us worth hoping for. Be inspired by the hopeful enthusiasm of the young Church of the Diocese of Parramatta!

#5 SPIRIT MOVES: The invitation is here. The Spirit moves, prompting us to authentic, dynamic and creative ways of pursuing mission and ministry. Let the Spirit move through you too!

Surely, you're as pumped as we are to invite friends, peers and family! Let us know you're coming and the group you're bringing by emailing met@parracatholic.org



OLMC OPEN DAY

Sunday, 6 March 2022
10.00am - 2.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2022. Bookings can be made by visiting the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

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YEAR 7, 2024
ENROLMENT
INFORMATION
EVENING
Tuesday, 29 March